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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

*****PRESIDENT SHAMANN WALTON REQUESTS LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT
CITY-PAID TRAVEL & CITY CONTRACTS WITH STATES WITH VOTER
SUPPRESSION LAWS*****

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Board President and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton, along with co-sponsors Supervisors Ahsha Safai, Matt Haney, Myrna Melgar, and Catherine Stefani announced legislation to expand the Chapter 12X of the city's administration code to include states that enact voter suppression laws similar to Georgia's new election law SB 202.

SB 202 was signed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp on March 25, 2021, as a response to the recent elections in Georgia and baseless claims of voter fraud. Some of the restrictions in Georgia's new law include: limiting vote by mail access, strict voter ID requirements including with absentee ballots, limiting local control over election processes through state intervention, eliminating ballot drop boxes, shortening the period between the election and any potential runoff elections, and making it a misdemeanor to provide food or water for voters waiting in line.

"This new voting law is a clear attempt to make it harder for Black people, people of color, and low income communities in Georgia to exercise their rights to vote," said Board President Shamann Walton. "Throughout history, there have been recurring efforts to restrict the Black vote in this country and here we have another example of that. This is a threat to democracy as a whole and we cannot allow City and County of San Francisco dollars to support any state that enacts these voter suppression laws and make it harder for voters to exercise their rights."

San Francisco's existing [Chapter 12X](#) Administrative Code: Prohibiting City Travel and Contracting in States that Allow Discrimination already prohibits city travel and contracting in states that allow discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals and states with anti-abortion laws. This proposed legislation will expand Chapter 12X to include laws that suppress voters from exercising their rights. There are currently 24 states on the city's state ban list.

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